

Lizu language

Lizu (Chinese: 儒苏, 里汝, 吕苏; Western Ersu) is a Qiangic language spoken in western Sichuan, China. There are 4,000 speakers according to Sun (1982), and 7,000 speakers according to Chirkova (2008). Muli, where Lizu is spoken, is a multi-ethnic and multi-lingual county, and Lizu has been historically influenced by Mandarin Chinese.^[3]

Varieties

Yu (2009: 2) lists the following varieties of Lizu:

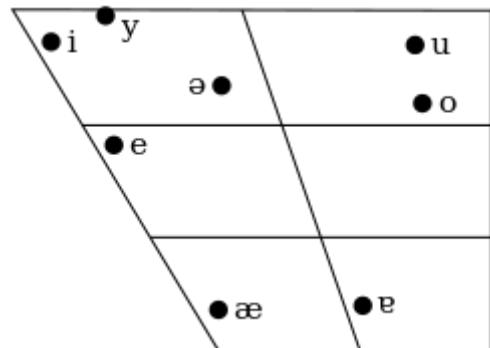
- **Mianning Lizu:** spoken in Lagusa 拉姑萨 Village (Lizu name `wontʂʰɿ `lomba), He'ai ("Honjai") 和爱 Township, Mianning 冕宁 County, Liangshan 凉山 Prefecture. Documented by Yu (2012).
- **Kala Lizu:** spoken in Kala 卡拉 Township, Muli 木里 County, Liangshan Prefecture. Documented by Chirkova (2008); Huáng and Rézēng (1991); and Dài and Huáng (1992).
- **Naiqu Lizu:** spoken in Naiqu 乃渠 Village, Naiqu Township, Jiulong 九龙 County, Garzê (Gānzī 甘孜) Prefecture. Documented by Ikeda (2009).

Lizu	
Native to	China
Native speakers	7,000 (2008) ^[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Qiangic ▪ Ersuic ▪ Lizu
Writing system	Ersu Shaba script
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	included in ers (https://www.ethnologue.com/language/ers) ^[2]
Glottolog	lizu1234 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/lizu1234) ^[2]

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- ELAR archive of Lizu language documentation materials (<http://elar.soas.ac.uk/deposit/0317>)

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